

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

2:44 p.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Meisner called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (17/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Accavitti, Griffin (2/19)

Representative Robert Jones moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on October 30, 2007. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **Senate Bill 757** before the committee.

SB 757	Allen	Economic development; plant rehabilitation; economically efficient functional condition; revise definition and require certain notice be given when proposing terminating plant rehabilitation district or industrial development district.
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Chair Meisner explained the intent of the bill and a proposed **Substitute (H-1)**.

Joe Agostinelli, from the Office of Senator Allen, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak. He noted, however, that he would be available to answer questions.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Alesha Gensler, representing Senator Valde Garcia; and

Larry Steckelberg, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Representative Byrum moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **Senate Bill 757**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (15/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Robert Jones moved to report **Senate Bill 757**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (15/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4559** before the committee.

HB 4559 Meisner Higher education; tuition; state funding for entrepreneurial learning; provide for.

Chair Meisner explained the intent of the bill and a proposed **Substitute (H-1)**. He also answered questions.

Tom Martin, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

Representative Robert Jones moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 4559**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg (16/19)

NAYS: Rep. Meltzer (1/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Clemente moved to report **House Bill 4559**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg (16/19)

NAYS: Rep. Meltzer (1/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4560** before the committee.

HB 4560 Hammon State financing and management; purchasing; bulk purchasing program; establish.

Chair Meisner explained the intent of the bill and a proposed **Substitute (H-2)**.

Representative Robert Jones moved to adopt **Substitute (H-2)** to **House Bill 4560**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Huizenga (11/19)

NAYS: Reps. Hildenbrand, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (5/19)

PASS: Rep. Palsrok (1/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Simpson offered the following amendment to **House Bill 4560 (H-2)**:

1. Amend page 2, line 23, after "**THAN**" by striking out "**20 FULL-TIME**" and inserting "**30**".

Representative Sheltroun moved to adopt the amendment.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe (14/19)

NAYS: Reps. Knollenberg, Meltzer (2/19)

PASS: Rep. Rick Jones (1/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Robert Jones moved to report **House Bill 4560**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-3)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Huizenga (11/19)

NAYS: Reps. Hildenbrand, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (5/19)

PASS: Rep. Palsrok (1/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Clemente moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Meisner** excused **Representatives Accavitti** and **Griffin**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **3:31 p.m.**

Representative Andy Meisner, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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